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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION: GROUP OF  
EXPERTS MEETING TO STUDY POSSIBLE RE-ARRANGEMENT  
OF RADIO REGULATIONS

REF: STATE 232329

1. ACCORDING TO DR. B. C. BLEVIS, DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL  
ARRANGEMENTS DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS,  
GOC VIEWS ARE NOT PRESENTLY SUFFICIENTLY WELL DEVELOPED  
TO GIVE US ANY INDICATION OF ITS LIKELY APPROACH AT  
JANUARY/FEBRUARY MEETINGS. TCO AND BLEVIS ON  
OCTOBER 3 REVIEWED JOINTLY STATEMENT OF BASIC QUESTION  
CONTAINED PARA 3A. HE WAS UNWILLING INDICATE ANY  
PREFERENCE AMONG THE THREE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES, BUT  
HE DID NOTE USG PRELIMINARY VIEW AT END OF PARAGRAPH.  
AS AN ASIDE, HE MENTIONED THAT THE GOC FAVORS TAKING  
THE "ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS" OUT OF THE MAINBODY OF  
RADIO REGULATIONS AND HANDLING THEM AS RECOMMENDED BY  
THE INTERNATIONAL FREQUENCIES REGULATION BOARD (IFRB).

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2. POSSIBLE CANADIAN POSITIONS FOR THIS MEETING ARE ABOUT TO BE DISCUSSED IN INTERAGENCY BODY AND WILL NOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL LATE NOVEMBER. A MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 8-10 WITH THE PROVINCES AND THE MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR REVIEW AND COMMENT.

3. BLEVIS ADVISED THAT GOC DELEGATION WILL BE COMPOSED OF ONE OR AT MOST TWO EXPERTS WHO WILL BE ESSENTIALLY COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICAL GENERALISTS. M. J. IRWIN OF BLEVIS' STAFF MAY BE THE PRINCIPAL EXPERT, BUT THIS HAS NOT YET BEEN DEFINITELY DETERMINED. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SECOND EXPERT WILL COME FROM THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND BE FAMILIAR WITH BOTH THE MARINE AND AERONAUTICAL ASPECTS. GOC, ACCORDING TO BLEVIS, DOES INTEND TO PLAY ITS TRADITIONAL ACTIVE ITU ROLE AT THIS MEETING, BUT THE EXTENT OF ITS ACTIVITY WILL DEPEND ON THE COMPETENCE OF THE DELEGATION IT IS ABLE TO FIELD. BLEVIS INDICATED HE DOES NOT FORESEE ANY NEED FOR THE GROUP OF EXPERTS TO ESTABLISH SERVICE SUB-GROUPS.

4. COMMENT: BLEVIS, A PHYSICIST WITH A BACKGROUND IN DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS RESEARCH, HAS ONLY RECENTLY BEEN APPOINTED TO HIS PRESENT POSITION WHERE HE SUCCEEDED GERRY PERRIN NOW ASSOCIATED WITH THE IFRB IN GENEVA. HE READILY ADMITTED THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE DETAILED FAMILIARITY YET WITH THE ISSUE FOR THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY MEETING. TCO WILL TOUCH BASE WITH HIM AGAIN IN LATE NOVEMBER. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF ANY FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT CONTAINED INFORMATION ABOUT USG VIEWS ON ISSUES AS OF THAT DATE. JOHNSON

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